

APPROVED: MEETING NO. 34-85

ATTEST:

Helen M. Heneghan

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

MEETING NO. 30-85

May 21, 1985

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in general session in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on Tuesday, May 21, 1985, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Viola D. Hovsepian

Councilman Steve Abrams
(arrived at 9:05 p.m.)

Councilman Douglas Duncan
(arrived at 9:25 p.m.)

Councilman Peter R. Hartogensis

Councilman John Tyner, II

The Mayor in the Chair.

In attendance: Assistant City Manager Daniel Hobbs; City Clerk Helen Heneghan; City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing on
Proposed Operating
Budget, CIP, Proposed
use of General
Revenue Sharing Funds
and Intent to Raise
the Tax Rate above
the Constant Yield
Tax Rate

The Mayor and Council continued the public hearing on the proposed budget for FY 86, the Capital Improvements Programs from FY 86 to 91 and the Use of Revenue Funds, and heard those persons as will be found in the official stenographic transcript of the hearing. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed.

(At this time the Mayor and Council took a five minute recess)

Re: Work Session -
Proposed Operating
Budget

HUMAN RESOURCES

Youth Services Division (Proposal for additional Resources to Provide Community Outreach and Counseling Services)

The Mayor and Council discussed this proposal with Bert Drayton, Director of Community Resources. The City Manager had suggested that \$16,000 to \$20,000 be placed in the budget to be used as needed after a study of the outreach and counseling service is done. The Council agreed to place this on the wish list provided the Council is made aware of the proposed use of the funds before it is spent.

Senior Services

Senior Services have requested a part-time outreach worker in the amount of \$6,240. The Mayor and Council agreed to place this on the wish list. Councilman Abrams suggested that the City keep strict account of all the moneys spent on social services so that the total can be presented to the County and the County can either do the service for City residents or reimburse the City for the work being done. Opal Delancy of Community Ministries, requested \$5,000 as additional funding for "SAP" (Senior Assistance Program). The Mayor and Council discussed this at length. Councilman Abrams suggested that the program being operated by Mrs. Delancy might work better under the City's control. Councilman Abrams suggested that there may be some duplication of effort between that program and the one of outreach suggested by Lorraine Schack. He asked that both programs be looked at to see the overlap. Mayor Hovsepian agreed that duplication should be eliminated. The Council agreed to place \$6,240 on the wish list as suggested but said they would like to see hard data to show the County what the City is doing so they can either take over the project or reimburse the City.

Archives Proposal

The Council agreed to place \$5,000 on the wish list for this fiscal year in order to have the City's historic records assessed. At the end of that period the City can review Montgomery County's Archives arrangement and possibly join them.

Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP)

The Council discussed the possibility of placing REAP under the City's control. The assessment of cost given by the staff was \$17,500. If the City were to operate it, Mr. Drayton suggested that is not enough funding. In order for the City to do the program it would require the hiring of two additional full-time employees. The Council asked Rev. Kaseman to provide them with information from a recipient's point of view, whether it would be better to have distribution through the City government or through a volunteer group. When originally established, it was the general feeling that the recipients would have difficulty dealing with a government structure. The Council agreed to

address the homeless situation at another time. In the meantime, the \$40,000 could remain on the wish list.

Police Services

The Mayor and Council agreed they would like a list of priorities and attempt to see how officers can be placed on footpatrol instead of their other duties. Council tentatively agreed to add two policemen at \$25,000 for a total of \$50,000 on the wish list.

Councilman Abrams asked that the Mayor and Council place two tennis court additions at Potomac Woods Park for discussion on the final wish list.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council in work session the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. to convene again in work session on Wednesday, May 22, 1985, at 7:30 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.